repatriated to India with the active involvement of the Indian Embassy and coordination with Associations. The embassy's Consular Officers have been visiting the Immigration Detention Centre regularly to assist these Indian nationals. No report has been received of any ill treatment meted out to these persons who are temporarily detained along with nationals of other countries from South Asia and Europe.

Reports of US on Human Right Practices

7682. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 424 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th April, 1994 and state:

(a) whether US Government has published two reports on the human right practices for 1993;

(b) if so, whether in these two reports Pakistan has been put on a soft footing whereas India has been put in crime list;

(c) if so, whether Government have examined both the reports;

(d) whether these reports were discussed by the Indian Government with the visiting US Asstt. Secretary during April, 1994;

(e) if so, what was the reaction of the US officials;

(f) whether the Prime Minister discussed the issue of terrorist activities by Pakistan in India with US President during his recent visit; and

(g) if so, whether US President assured the Prime Minister that they will not indulge and will impress upon Pakistan not to create disorder in India and also settle the Kashmir question bilaterally under Shimla Agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) The US State Department has published the Annual Country Report on Human Rights for 1993.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The Prime Minister and President Clinton promised to cooperate in the search for solutions to global challenges posed by international terrorism. The two leaders also agreed on the need for bilateral negotiations between India and Pakistan to resolve outstanding issues, including Jammu & Kashmir, as envisaged in the Shimla Agreement.

Protection of Sikhs from Racial Discrimination in U.K.

7683. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news item which appeared in the Asian Age, New Delhi on the 24th May, 1994 under the caption "Sikh Cabbies in UK protest symbol lean";

(b) is so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what action Government have taken to protect the Sikhs from racial discrimination in UK?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter pertains to British nationals of Indian origin and to local licensing regulations, in terms of which wind screens and rear screens of taxis are required to remain clear of all objects. Display of the "Khanda" symbol or any other religious symbol is deemed by the local British authorities to come within the purview of these